



MARYLAND HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

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Attention Licensed Insurance Producers: Informational Meeting on Maryland's New Small Business Subsidy Program

Governor O'Malley proposed and signed into law a program to reduce the number of uninsured Marylanders. The Working Families & Small Business Health Coverage Act, approved during the Special Session of 2007 establishes the **Health Insurance Partnership** for small employers not currently offering health insurance to their employees.

Under the Partnership, a small business that has 2 to 9 full-time employees, has not offered health insurance to its employees during the previous 12 months, and meets wage and salary requirements established by the Commission, is eligible to receive a subsidy of up to 50% of the premium.

Informational meetings for licensed insurance producers will be held at the MHCC, 4160 Patterson Ave., in conference room 100 on the following dates:

**July 21, 2008
from 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

**July 23, 2008
from 8:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.**

These meetings will provide information on eligibility, benefits, and enrollment and documentation requirements for the Partnership, which begins to enroll businesses in September for coverage beginning October 1, 2008.

Any licensed insurance producer interested in participating in the Partnership is encouraged to attend one of the two informational meetings. Register by emailing vwooding@mhcc.state.md.us

The **Health Insurance Partnership** is designed for small business owners that have been unable to provide health coverage to their employees due to high premiums and administrative costs. Under the **Partnership**, a small business may be eligible to receive a subsidy that helps provide health coverage services and rewards participating individuals for efforts to improve their health and/or manage chronic disease. Participating carriers in the Partnership include: CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield, Aetna, United Healthcare and Coventry Health Care.

Visit the Health Insurance Partnership's website at <http://mhcc.maryland.gov/partnership> for more information about this exciting new program.